

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POWER SHORTAGE IN CHANDIGARH
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Chandigarh Administration is able to cater to the full requirement of the power in the Union Territory of Chandigarh;
- (b) whether there were frequent power failures/load shedding recently;
- (c) if so, reasons for levying minimum charges irrespective of less consumption;
- (d) the total requirement of the City and the total availability;
- (e) sources of receipt of power in the Union Territory;
- (f) the details of sub stations in the Union Territory; and
- (g) the steps proposed, if any, to augment the power supply?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : There have been no notified power cuts in Union Territory (UT) of Chandigarh during the period April-July, 2003.

(c) : According to Chandigarh Administration, minimum charges irrespective of less consumption are levied for the reasons given below :

(i) In general, UT of Chandigarh is following the pattern of Punjab State Electricity Board (PSEB) in respect of electricity tariff. The PSEB and many other State Electricity Boards levy a minimum monthly charge.

(ii) Whenever any consumer applies for connection, the department is required to install transformer and other equipment to maintain the system for feeding that particular consumer whether he is using the load or not. To cover the depreciation and maintenance cost in respect of equipment installed, the concept of minimum charges has been introduced and is being followed in the Electricity Boards.

(d) : The power supply position of UT of Chandigarh during April-July, 2003 is as follows :

Energy (MU)	Peak (MW)
April - July, 2003	April - July, 2003

Requirement	406	Peak Demand	185
Availability	405	Peak Met	185
Shortage	1	Shortage	0
%	0.2	%	0.0

(e) : UT of Chandigarh meets its requirement of power from Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) and its share from Central Generating Stations in the Northern Region.

(f) : According to Chandigarh Administration, the details of sub-stations in UT are as under :

(i) 220/66 KV sub-station (s/s) Manimajra.

(ii) 66 KV s/s BBMB Sector 28.

(iii) 66 KV s/s Sector 52

(iv) 66 KV s/s Sector 39.

(v) 66 KV s/s Sector 12

(vi) 66 KV s/s Sector1

(vii) 66 KV s/s Sector 32

(viii) 66 KV s/s Industrial Area Phase-I

(ix) 66 KV s/s Industrial Area Phase-II

(g) : According to Chandigarh administration, in order to meet the future demand and increased power requirement of existing consumers, the system is being upgraded as under :

(i) 3 Nos. 10/12.5 MVA, 66/11 KV transformers are being added at the existing 66 KV S/s Sectors 52, 39 and 12.

(ii) 2x20 MVA, 66/11 KV s/s is being created in Sector 47 C to meet the load requirement of Phase-III Sectors of Chandigarh.

(iii) 2x10/12.5 MVA, 66/11 s/s is being created at Kishangarh, Manimajra.

(iv) Upgradation of existing 33 KV s/s Sector 18 to 66 KV s/s with 2x10/12.5 MVA, 66/11 KV transformers and 1x20 MVA, 66/33 KV transformer.

In addition, Chandigarh will also have entitlements in 7090 MW capacity planned to be added in Central Sector in Northern Region during the 10th Five Year Plan.